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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 9155

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: IRANIAN NEED FOR INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS

REF: STATE 249850 NOTAL

1. ACCORDING TO FIRST SECRETARY HIRATO, GOI MINISTRY OF ECONOMY ON DECEMBER 12 PRESENTED JAPANESE EMBASSY LIST OF INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS SIMILAR TO THAT HANDED USG (REFTEL). ONLY DIFFERENCES WERE OMISSION OF ITEM 11, POLYNOSIC STAPLE, FROM JAPANESE LIST; REQUEST FOR ONLY 50,000 TONS OF 150 X 150 MM STEEL BILLETS (ITEM 2, AND RQUEST FOR ONLY 7,000 TONS OF POLYESTER STAPLE (ITEM 10).

2. HIRATO SAID THAT IRANIAN REQUEST BEING STUDIED IN TOKYO AND THAT NO ANSWER GIVEN GOI DURING RECENT VISIT OF DEPUTY PREMIER MIKI. HE ADDED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT JAPANESE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY NAKASONE WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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ARRIVE IN TEHRAN ON JANUARY 7. WHILE VISIT NOT YET OFFICIALLY

ANNOUNCED, NAKASONE IS EXPECTED HOLD SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI ON SUBJECT. HERATO STATED THAT MOST OF REQUESTED ITEMS NOT TRADITIONALLY SUPPLIED BY JAPAN TO IRAN, AND IN ANY CASE ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY WHILE AT SAME TIME JAPAN'S REGULAR CUSTOMERS ARE CLAMORING TO BUY MORE. HE OPINED, HOWEVER, THAT GIVEN IMPORTANCE OF IRAN AS SOURCE OF OIL IMPORTS, JAPAN UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD "DO SOMETHING" TO MEET GOI'S REQUEST. HIRATO ALSO EXPRESSED FEAR THAT GOI WOULD INSIST ON PAYING NO HIGHER THAN THIS YEAR'S PRICES FOR WANTED COMMODITIES, BUT HE SAID GOJ WOULD NOT AGREE TO SELLING AT ANY PRICE OTHER THAN WORLD MARKET.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMANS ALSO HAVE RECEIVED INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS LISTS SIMILAR TO THOSE PASSED TO USG AND GOJ.

4. CHECK OF EXPORT STATISTICS FOR CY 1972 PUBLISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SHOWS US EXPORTED ONLY SMALL QUANTITIES TO IRAN OF RAW MATERIALS REQUESTED BY GOI. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF APPARENTLY LARGE US WORLDWIDE EXPORTS OF TIN PLATE AND SOME CATEGORIES OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER AND OTHER CHEMICAL RAW MATERIALS, WE WONDER IF IRANIAN REQUEST IN AT LEAST SOME OF THESE CATEGORIES CAN BE MET.
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